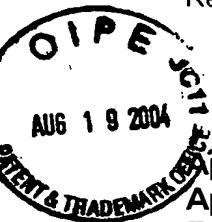


Appl. No. 09/542,036  
Amdt. Dated August 17, 2004  
Reply to Office action of April 22, 2004

67 AF  
2644



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/542,036  
Applicant : Hans-Ueli Roeck  
Filed : April 3, 2000  
TC/AU : 2644  
Examiner: : Corey P. Chau  
Docket No. : 32558  
Customer No.: 00116

Confirmation No.: 4899

RECEIVED

AUG 25 2004

Technology Center 2600

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

The three month response period to the outstanding Office action of April 22, 2004, expired on July 22, 2004. Applicant's attorney hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period through August 22, 2004. A check which includes the \$110.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

This paper is in response to the Office action of April 22, 2004, paper no. 9, and the personal interview of July 28, 2004, paper no. 10. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert F. Boden  
Name of Attorney for Applicant(s)

08-17-2004  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney

08/20/2004 HAL111 00000018 09542036  
01 FC:1251 110.00 DP